

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The cutting member comprises WC, two or more solid solutions of WC and compounds selected from carbides, nitrides and carbonitrides of metals of the groups 4a, 5a  
5 and 6a in the Periodic Table, and at least one metal of the iron group; and at least one of the two or more solid solutions being a solid solution having a high Nb or Zr content, whereby the wear resistance and plastic deformation resistance are improved in case of cutting  
10 hardly machinable materials such as stainless steel, thereby making it possible to prolong the service life of the cutting member.

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